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Halle Best, TV's Domestic Diva, is proud of everything she's achieved.

Halle took her passion for baking and built her media empire alone after her ex Luke walked out on her sixteen years ago, leaving her a single mum to their two-year-old daughter Lizzie in a dingy flat in Hackney.

Now a bona fide celebrity success, she only speaks to Luke via her lawyer. But as he is threatening to write a tell-all book exposing some of Halle's deepest secrets, keeping him at arm's length won't be so easy anymore.

When Luke suggests a getaway to work through their past, Halle thinks he's crazy; if they can survive two weeks together it will be a miracle.

Yet reconnecting with her past, could be the only way to start her future.

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Kerry says

fab book, likeable characters, interesting storyline and loved the ending

Wendy says

Enjoyable read. The story switches between the different perspective of 4 characters and 2 relationships, one that is trying to overcome a difficult past and one that is starting in the present.

Megan Quartley says

An Electronic Advanced Reader Copy was provided by the publisher via NetGalley for review.

An enjoyable, easy to read book. I really enjoyed the main plot line following Halle and Luke and thought their characters were well developed and likeable. It was well written and a believable interaction between two exes who hadn't parted on the best of terms which helped make the story seem more real. The subplot line following her children and au pair was also good but the timescale it happened over makes it a little less believable (in my opinion) but I still loved the characters and willed them to have their happy ending!

All in all an enjoyable read and anyone who is into chick lit will probably enjoy this book!

Donna says

So Now You're Back was a light read, didn't have much depth to it really and so far from taxing. It was quite funny but not to the extent I thought it would be however in all it was a nice, fun easy going read. General chick lit I thought; I liked most of the characters even Luke! They were easy to relate too and I've got many friends just like them!! I enjoyed the book it's a good holiday read I thought I'd read more from the author.

I received an ARC via Netgalley for an honest unbiased review.

Tracey says

I couldn't resist reviewing this book, after all Heidi Rice is one of my favourite authors and one who inspired me to write. My only problem with Heidi's books are that I always find the end comes too soon (only because I can't put them down) so I was thrilled to discover that So Now You're Back is a single title!

I love nostalgic, first love stories and this one is no exception. Though this book seemed a little different in that I wondered how Luke, the hero, could possibly redeem himself having left Halle and his young daughter Lizzie, to never return. Usually there's some conflict to justify a wrong, but the author handled it perfectly - with honesty. Luke knew he'd stuffed up and accepted Halle's wrath. That's not to say you couldn't fall in

love with him - I totally did. Plus there is some emotional background for Luke that makes his actions understandable, if not justified and knowing that Luke missed out on much of his daughters life was enough punishment.

What is great about this book is that there is not one romance story - but two! When Halle is forced, or rather conned, into spending time with Luke at a retreat to avoid having her past scrutinized by all, she has to leave her son in the care of Trey, the au pair. Lizzie their daughter is all grown up now. Grown up, surly and shows little interest in the career that takes her mother away from her. Lizzie doesn't take too well at being left with Mr. Perfect and her little brother, who is nothing but annoying. As Halle and Luke finally confront their pasts, Lizzie starts to question her behaviour too, finally confronting the fact that she has a crush on Trey.

This book has it all. Humour, emotion and definitely heat! The tense relationship between Halle and Luke certainly ups the heat level. And then there's the sweet. The blossoming romance between Lizzie and the very adorable Trey. Needless to say there are bumps in the road for both couples, but surely Luke can't mess up again - or can he?

A gorgeous read!

ARC received from NetGalley in return for honest review

Mistress #darklings says

This book was everything i expected it to be from the blurb (and yes, i'll admit, i was drawn in by the cover!) A fabulous, enjoyable and easy reading novel.

A book with characters and a storyline, that are both likeable (yes, even Luke) , believable and will make you laugh out loud and read with a smile on your face.

The main plot follows exes Halle and Luke, who, after parting on less than good terms, find themselves thrown together into a retreat along with their teenage daughter. However, due to the wonderful writing of Heidi Rice, you find their interactions, meetings and exchanges extremely believable.

With the 4 main characters and a sub plotline going on, the writing flows well, is easy to keep up with. This is my first Heidi Rice but definitely not my last. Just fab!

Fiona Harper says

If you want a laugh-out-loud funny, sexy, romantic novel this book is for you! I laughed, I cried, I couldn't put it down.

Abby Green says

This is Heidi Rice's first foray into single title books and it's long overdue! I'll fess up now and admit that Heidi Rice is a personal friend of mine, but that aside, I am a huge fan of her sparkling witty and very sexy stories. No-one does dialogue like her. If you're a fan of The Great British Bake Off then you'll love this. Halle is a celebrity chef/baker who has single - handedly brought up her teenage (and going on 30 ;)) daughter and young son. Everything in her life is going well - in spite of her daughter's sullen teenage angst..and then the worst thing happens: her ex and the father of her daughter, intrepid journalist, deliciously

sexy Luke Best, has decided to write his memoirs, which will surely include salacious details about Halle and their doomed relationship. Halle needs to do some serious damage limitation and if that means going on a 'couples' retreat with the man who is her own personal kryptonite, in order to save her life from imploding, then so be it. Anyway, she's totally over Luke...isn't she?!

Rachel Gilbey says

4.5 Stars

I freely admit to having the lyrics to I Will Survive running through my head, pretty much every time I have come across this book's title, so in some respects very glad I read it on my kindle, so didn't have to stare at the pretty cover continuously, and thankfully I loved the book every bit as much as I do, the classic disco/karaoke hit!

There really are two romances going on in this book, one for Halle, and involving her 18 year old daughter Lizzie. Lizzie's story is more of a coming of age, realising your maturity style of story, as well as her possibly inappropriate crush that could turn into more.

However for Halle, its the reappearance in her life of Lizzie's father who she has refused to speak to for 16 years is a shock. As is the way she ends up being tricked into spending two weeks in the wilderness in Tennessee, on an extreme couples retreat. Needless to say some of the consequences could be regarded as predictable and the rest are generally highly amusing.

There is clearly still a spark between Halle and Luke, however she goes to great lengths to try and deny it. I loved some of the banter between the pair of them, and throughout the book there were small sections of dialogue that would make me smile and giggle to myself.

This is generally a very upbeat book which doesn't have a huge amount of depth to it, until you start learning about the key males childhoods and upbringings at which point, there is a more serious thread there.

I found So Now You're Back to be a really easy to read book, that was a sheer delight, and I will definitely be looking out for future releases by Heidi Rice.

Thank you to Netgalley and MIRA for this review copy. This was my honest opinion.

Sheryl says

3.5 stars

Abi says

I loved this book, it was exactly what you want from this genre, making me laugh out loud on more than one occasion!

The characters were likeable, even lovable (Luke), easy to relate too and genuine. The story itself was well written, covering all the characters points of view in a manner that was easy to follow. The situation between Halle and Luke was very believable, not something you often find with this type of novel, the side plot between Lizzie and Trey was slightly less so however I can take that with a pinch of salt. The ending was fairly predictable, but find me a chick-lit that isn't!

I will definitely be picking up more titles by Rice in the future.

Thank you to Harlequin (UK) Limited, via NetGalley, for this ARC.

Sam Riley says

Very good book, twists and turns and a complete ending!! No unanswered questions left at the end

Zee Monodee says

Enjoyed this tale! It's not 'perfect', not slick and all that - very 'real', which is what you need sometimes. Escape but still real. Wondered a lot how Luke would redeem himself - I had nothing but contempt for this guy when I met him. He didn't exactly grow on me, but you can see where it all came from. That's what I mean in the 'real' sense. Real life is not rainbows and bows, but you can have a second chance sometimes. Still not rainbows and bows, but there might be a few smiles and pretty along the way, which is sometimes enough.

Susan Duthie says

This is a modern well written story. It is about the difficulty in family life when children see their other parent. The book was very descriptive and sets a very emotional scene throughout. It's easy to identify with day to day living and all the problems it brings.

Roberta says

I enjoyed this a lot more than I expected. I may even go so far as to read some of the author's other books.
